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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Ref: Docket No. 2009-489 - E

Dear Public Service Commission:

This letter will serve as my protest to the proposed rate hike being requested by SCE&G.

As a small business owner, rate increases such as what is being proposed by SCE&G, significantly impact my budget.

SCE&G should do long range planning, to include the anticipated costs associated with any upgrades in service, equipment, capitol purchases, licenses, salaries, benefits, etc. And then present to consumers, well in advance, a realistic plan that includes corroborating and independent analyses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis A. Hassell, DDS".

Louis A. Hassell, DDS

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